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DREAM DRAW FOR WORLD CUP

— By Andrew Dettre —



Australia

New Zealand

China-Taipei

Fiji

Indonesia

Australia has been given a dream-draw for the 1982 World Cup: our opponents in the elimination group will be New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia and China-Taipei (Taiwan).

It took all the persuasive power of ASF president Sir Arthur George in Zurich to have FIFA agree, mainly on geographical grounds: these are, after all, our closest neighbours (with the exception of China-Taipei).

Sir Arthur attended the FIFA executive meeting for the first time.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre said this week that Australia would definitely apply to hold the tournament, either in March or in August 1981.

"I wouldn't be surprised if New Zealand and Indonesia also put in a bid," he said.

"But I'm hopeful that we will be given the rights."

On November 15, even the financial aspects of our World Cup bid may be solved.

Patrick Nally, head of the huge, Monaco-based West and Nally sports promotion group and Paul Barron from Coca-Cola head office in

Atlanta, USA, will be in Sydney conferring with the ASF.

"We hope to put together a \$1 million sponsorship for the 1981 Youth World Cup and for our 1982 World Cup bid," Brian Le Fevre said.

"That sum would carry us through very nicely. And there is every reasonable hope that we'll have it."

These are the preliminary groups in the Asia-Oceania region:

Group 1: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia, China-Taipei.

Group 2: Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, Sth. Korea.

Group 3: Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

Group 4: Hong Kong, Macao, China, Nth. Korea, Japan, Singapore.

The groups will play tournaments and the four winners will qualify for the semifinals.

These will be played either as another tournament or on a home and away basis, by the end of November 1981.

Venues and dates will have to be set by the countries in the various groups; FIFA will arbitrate if no agreement can be reached.

The FIFA executive decided to admit China as a member but has also retained Taiwan, which will be known from now on as China-Taipei.

China has also let it be known that they will raise no objection to any country playing China-Taipei anywhere, anytime — clearly another sign of the increasing rapport between Peking and Taipei.

Israel has been put in the Central and North American zone to avoid the usual political problems with the Arab countries.

As two teams from Asia-Oceania will qualify for the finals in Spain, Australia's position seems highly favorable.

We must get through our preliminary group even though New Zealand and Indonesia will be tough opponents.

The favorites from the other groups are Iran or South Korea, Iraq and North Korea.

There is no reason to believe that a well prepared Australian team couldn't come at least second in this semifinal group — and second is as good as first as far as the ticket to Spain is concerned.

COSMOS NEXT WEEK!

Sydney's great soccer gala day is near — next Wednesday the fabulous New York Cosmos will appear at the Showground.

At half-time of the match, there will be a demonstration of "shoot-out" involving several Cosmos and Australian stars.

The "Daily Telegraph" will give two special awards.

One will be for the best player in the curtain-raiser, Australian Schoolboys v NSW under-18 match.

The other will be given to the best player in

the Cosmos v Australia game.

Cosmos will arrive in Sydney on Monday.

On Tuesday they will take part in a cocktail reception at the APLA club.

Organisers of the match, International Artists, expect a crowd of 40,000 at the Showground.

Tickets are still available at the various booking agencies — see special notice inside.

Picture shows Beckenbauer in action against Breitner of Bayern Munchen.

Giampaolo glaring Socceroo casualty

One can only hope and pray that Rudi Gutendorf will have second thoughts about the composition of his Socceroo squad soon to tour China and Korea.

There is no selection anywhere in the world which meets with universal approval; this is natural.

However, in Australia's case one glaring omission hits the eye: that of Sebastian Giampaolo of Monaro, possibly the most skilful, explosive and talented young striker in the country.

Gutendorf should find a place for him, even if he does leave out Giampaolo's "twin", the equally talented, high-scoring Walter Valeri.

This is the squad as it now stands:

Goalkeepers:

GREG WOODHOUSE (APIA), MARTYN CROOK (Westad),

Defenders:

STEVE PERRY (Bris. City), IVO PRSKALO (Marconi), TONY HENDERSON (Marconi), JIM TANSEY (Heidelberg), BOB RUSSELL (Adelaide City),

Mid-fielders:

JIM ROONEY (Heidelberg), KEN BODEN (Sydney City), JOE SENKALSKI (Newcastle), JOHN COYNE (Brisbane City), ROBERTO ECHEVERRIA (Bris. City), ARNO BERTOGNA (Newcastle)

Strikers:

JOHN NYSKOHUS (Adel. City), TOM CUMMING (Essendon), PETER SHARNE (Marconi), GARY COLE (Heidelberg), PHIL O'CONNOR (St. George), MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi), EDDIE KRNCVIC (Marconi),

Officials:

Tour Leader: VIC TUTING. Coach: RUDI GUTENDORF. Doctor: DR. CIRI KANNAGARA.

TWO MORE S.W. ISSUES

We would like to remind our readers — and advertisers — that our last issue for 1979 will be on November 1.

We have two more issues this year, on October 25 and November 1.

Clubs who wish to advertise for coaches and players are particularly reminded to place their orders early — on 406-4551.



Sebastian Giampaolo



LETTERS

I wonder if you can help me.
I am interested in having an Australian soccer supporter as a pen-pal with the view of exchanging programs and souvenirs but I do not know of any organisations to write to.

I am 16. I support Arsenal of the first division and Margate F.C. of the Southern League who are my local team. I also follow England.

I would welcome male or female pen-pals.

David Plaistowe
'Jarome'
Hengist Road,
Westgate-on-Sea
KENT, ENGLAND

I am dismayed at the trend of age restrictions that are credentials necessary for playing soccer.

As it stands now, if you are not about to play first grade by 19 to 21 year of age you are a soccer has-been.

The strict quota on second grade State League clubs is ludicrous and any move to increase it is a backward step.

The only age restriction on rugby league is under 23s which is third grade!

Recently the Aston Villa manager was quoted as saying that most players don't reach their peak until 24 to 26 and that 18 and 19-year-olds cannot survive in top soccer unless they have a top team around them.

Some "forward thinking" officials suggest that players who are over the hill at 19 play in a lower division but similar restrictions still apply with added bonuses of restrictions on non-Australian born players.

If you're over the age limit and not Australian born you don't have many options.

What has age got to do with fitness or skill? If you can answer that one please tell me.

John Cox,
French's Forest NSW

If this is "The Year of the Child" you could have fooled the boys in the APIA U/14 Canterbury Association team.

This team, having become champions in the Canterbury District Soccer Association were denied the right to challenge for the Champion of Champions by the executive committee of the NSW Amateur Federation.

It will come as a surprise that the entire APIA U/14 Canterbury Association team resides in the Manly Warringah district.

It is felt that this may be the reason the team was banned from "Champion of Champions" series.

An accusation was allegedly made by George Dick, president of the Manly Warringah Federation Club, that "several disgruntled parents in the area, feeling their sons deserved "rep" honours, took their boys out of the Manly area to play in the Canterbury district".

This accusation is refuted in its entirety.

The history of this antagonism goes back to when

Warringah Saints Football Club, a first division Federation soccer club operating within the Manly Warringah district, presented the alternative opportunity for junior boys to participate in soccer at Federation level in the U/14, U/15 and U/16 age groups.

Warringah Saints advertised in the local media for players to attend trials.

The squads having been formed, "Saints" applied to the Manly Warringah Soccer Association for a home ground, presuming that the association would allocate them "Grahams Reserve" the senior club's home ground.

To Warringah Saints' utter amazement their application was refused on the assertion that players had been procured "illegally".

Obviously from a free response to advertising there can be no accusation of any pressure being applied.

Parents of some of the boys who had attended the trial sessions were approached by Manly Warringah officials in an attempt to dissuade them from joining Federation soccer.

Further pressure was brought to bear on Warringah Saints by Manly Federation club to forego the idea of introducing Youth League teams.

George Dick was quoted in the "Soccer World" as saying: "They had an understanding with the local Junior Soccer Association that they would not compete for players".

Due to the impossible position Warringah Saints now found themselves in, regarding their future, and the commencement of the Youth League competition only days away, Warringah Saints officially told the Youth League of their withdrawal from the competition and their reasons for so doing.

The Youth League was most sympathetic.

After all the pressure to force Warringah Saints to back out, Manly Warringah decided two days before the competition was due to start to also withdraw, leaving the competition in a very disorganised state.

For a team that had trained together for some time it was necessary to approach other areas in an attempt to play more competitive soccer.

For this reason various approaches were made and finally the team was accepted by the APIA club for entry into the Canterbury Association League.

The Canterbury Association accepted this team after close scrutiny of the regulations and it is this team that has played all season and became premiers of their league and should have entered the "Champion of Champions" competition.

Tony Raciti
APIA Soccer Club

We would be happy to publish replies from Manly, the NSW Amateur Federation or any other organisation concerned.

Editor

'GONG LOBBY FOR PSL

— By Keith Gilmour —

The ASF and the Phillips League clubs will be doing themselves and soccer a great service if they accept Wollongong's re-application for 1980 PSL membership.

And the biggest beneficiaries will be the migrant communities which form a big part in the life of NSW's third biggest city.

This was claimed in Wollongong this week by prominent ethnic community expert George Ackoui, before leaving for a six-week trip to Europe.

George Ackoui, French by birth, is the Bank of New South Wales migrant counsellor in Wollongong.

He is also one of the hardest working men on the Wollongong committee.

"As I move around the migrant communities I am continually made aware of how badly they want a Wollongong team in the Phillips Soccer League next season," he said.

"We have the contacts to form a good team and the money to secure worthwhile players."

"The Wollongong communities will provide one of the biggest groups of supporters in Australia."

Wollongong has always had some of the best soccer in Australia, going back to the miners who imported the game from Britain almost 100 years ago.

And it should not be forgotten that the British remain the largest migrant group.

Thousands of youngsters are there to draw upon, just as they provided so much of the interest when Newcastle joined the League.

The British, followed by the Italians, Greeks, Yugoslavs, of Macedonian, Croatian, Serbian and Slovene backgrounds are the bigger groups.

The Spanish-speaking community including the South Americans are sizeable followed by the Portuguese, Germans and Hungarians.

In all 73 different nationalities are represented in Wollongong.

In numerical terms, the Eskimo race comes last: there is one Eskimo gentleman in the city!

Illawarra team to join NSW Fed.

Amongst the considerations for the NSW Federation annual meeting on November 7 is one to include the winner of the Illawarra Premier League in the State League.

If this is passed, and the team subsequently finishes last, it could be required to play off against the following year's winner for a place in the next season.

In another move clubs are expected to favor a line being drawn after the four top divisions of the competitions under which promotion and relegation does not apply.

The reasoning is that the Federation has far too many clubs to promote properly, and should concentrate its resources on the "promotable" teams.

Even the present number of divisions goes to the absolute maximum because the public make their own judgment of what they will see.

Fifty promotable clubs is still a bit much!

It could be that the State League clubs will end up with first and second grade teams only playing on the main ground on match day instead of playing the three grades.

Either the Federation or the Amateurs could conduct under 14, 16 and 18 year grades.

Many clubs are against a proposal to allow only five players over 18 years in second grade, believing that those at 19 to 21 are still relatively young and most welcome in their club teams if they are good enough.

Another proposal may see the bye team, if there is an odd number of teams in State League, playing exhibition matches against the top players of country and outer city areas.

Only the best teams, enclosed grounds, and widely advertised matches would be acceptable.

A requirement that the home club guarantee \$1,000 to the visitors appears a bit steep in the first year.

But the idea is certainly worth exploring, with the Federation administration going out and helping organise the events, using their maximum expertise to turn the games into big events in every possible case.

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Arncliffe Scots' first season in the Federation Youth League has proved very fruitful. They have now gone as far as appointing a coaching co-ordinator, who will be available to other clubs in the St. George area. Trials for Arncliffe's three teams, under 14, 16 and 18, will be held at Evatt Park Lugarno next Sunday at 9am. A telephone call to John Davies 57-4955, Tom Farrell 53-6070 or Wal Fraser 588-1087 could also be made. Twenty-two boys in each age group will be attending the summer coaching program.

COUNTRY EPICS

Two well-known former Sydney players have bobbed up as coaches in the Northern NSW State League.

Ray Rootsey, formerly with Prague and Yugal and close to representative standard, is coach of the Coffs Harbour side.

Gary Northcote could be in charge of the Clarence River club, based on the City of Grafton.

Northcote, an extremely handy player, is the brother of Adelaide City's explosive midfielder-forward Brian Northcote.

Coffs Harbour's move into State League is a fairy tale.

A former Melbourne Australian Rules man and broadcaster moved to Coffs Harbour, and was subsequently appointed editor of a local newspaper.

To build the paper, he searched for the means, and seeing the keen drive to move soccer ahead he has been of tremendous assistance to the code.

Both soccer and the newspaper prospered.

The story at Tamworth, where the Tamworth City club has taken the "City of Lights" by storm, is similar.

A Tamworth farmer and grazier, interested in junior soccer, saw the opportunity for the area to go into the widened State League.

Feeling he did not have the knowledge himself, he went round and recruited the best business and sports people to form the set-up.

The set-up is already one of the best in country NSW.

Rudi Gutendorf was in Tamworth some months ago when the Tamworth side turned out against a Northern NSW representative team, and congratulated the men from the Peel on the excellent way in which they have put their operation together.

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• Dubbo and Griffith are the two country Associations that have stood out extremely well in the 1979 junior championships. NSW Amateur secretary Rod Wood believes both areas are destined for big things in soccer over the next few years.

• Don Morrison, secretary of Bankstown club and former Sutherland club official, is standing for the NSW Federation Executive at the NSW Federation annual meeting on November 7.

• Jim Gallagher, keen coach with many State League clubs, was the man who invited John Lee, Bankstown's Rothman's Award winner, to Australia. Jim, formerly with Celtic in Glasgow, contacted Lee, who was himself a Celtic reserve team player. Before coming to Australia Lee had two years with Lancaster City in England's Northern Premier League.

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SYDNEY TOP- FOUR DRAMA

— By Andrew Dettre —

Brisbane City in the Grand Final, Heidelberg out of the race — so much for all the brave and obviously incorrect forecasts.

Almost everybody vastly undersold the Queenslanders — including us — while Heidelberg were freely tipped to win the series.

But such is football. The favorites have sunk while the outsiders are facing the last preliminary round calmly, sitting in the box seat.

They will play in Melbourne on Friday evening and, frankly they couldn't give a damn about the result.

They cannot be dislodged from the Grand Final while Heidelberg can only save some prestige but little more in this encounter.

In all probabilities, Brisbane City will try to make sure that none of their players are injured or sent off on Friday before the first leg of the final.

It's quite a different story in Sydney where Marconi and Sydney City are deadlocked in second place.

As their goal differences are also identical, both need a win to make the final — so here's a classic cup tie looming.

Sydney City, against most expectations, have again produced their occasional brilliance despite the absence of Souness and Barnes.

And following their old trend, they did this while playing out of their own environment.

Marconi, in the meantime, may be suffering from some sort of anticlimax after their grand championship win, finding it hard to prove themselves yet again.

Still, it will be a different story at Marconi, in front of

their own vociferous fans.

Souness and Barnes will be back in the Sydney City team while coach Les Scheinflug is almost certain to abandon his experiments with his defence.

Current form points towards a Sydney City victory but who would have the courage to dismiss the 1979 champions?

Vic is happy in Canberra

Vic Fernandez, recently confirmed in the Canberra City coaching job for a three-year term, is very happy with his post — and the national capital.

"Coaching is a hazardous occupation, and when the day ultimately comes that I leave the job then my family and I will be happy to stay on here," he said this week.

Fernandez says that schools, housing and facilities in Canberra beat anything he has found elsewhere.

He and club secretary Max Talbot visited New Zealand before the departure of the Kiwi national team for an overseas tour.

"A few players interested us, but we are waiting to receive the exact terms of the NZFA's contract with them before we move any further," Fernandez said.

Canberra City's budget has been greatly expanded because of the success of their licensed club under the experienced Talbot's guidance.

Offers are out for a number of key players within Australia.

— P. Kunz.

Brisbane City, who would scarcely have been given any chance to make the Philips League Top Four, burst into championship contention with a lion-hearted 2-1 win over Marconi at Perry Park.

To say too many Marconi players had an off day would be a gross injustice to this gallant City side, which in the end could feasibly have won the match about 5-1, such were the openings created.

That scoreline might well have eventuated had Marconi defenders not cleared shots off the line at least three times in the second half, with Alan Maher beaten.

Marconi chose to play Paul Degney in midfield, Russell and Brogan at fullbacks, and left Henderson and Prskalo in the middle to cut down the forceful aggression of Campbell and Kelso.

The plans simply did not work and the City forward line was lifted considerably by a non-stop performance from the cheeky Low on the right wing.

Kelso, after an in and out season, has again reserved his best form for the latter part of the season, and it was his, at times, awkward running which set up City's two goals.

Incredibly, Marconi did not seriously test Kim Wishart once in the first half, and only really came to life just after they equalised early in the second session.

But on one occasion, midway through the first half, Peter Sharne did look to have Wishart at his mercy when he dashed away following a City raid, but leftback Wilkinson somehow got across to the other side of the pitch to cut the flying winger down.

It was a crude tackle, and earned Wilkinson a yellow card, yet in the second half he was able to utilise a more intelligent way of dealing with Sharne, who again loomed as a possible match winner.

City's first goal came at the right time, with halftime approaching, and Tony Henderson must take most of the blame.

Kelso motored down the middle and had everyone in two minds before blasting a shot which Maher only partially blocked.

The ball was allowed to bounce by Henderson and the ever present Campbell pounced from behind to despatch his third goal of the series.

City had Marconi under intense pressure for the first 10 minutes of the second half, and had the first of several shots cleared off the line, when Henderson shoved away a ground shot from Perry.

Marconi finally created their first real chance of the match in the 57th minute, when a great move involving Lindsay and Krncevic finished with Sharne rocketing a fraction wide.

But a minute later, a typical Marconi raid evened matters when Degney found Sharne on the right. He outstripped the defence and squared to Jankovics, who made no mistake from just inside the box.

This was the only period in which Marconi threatened to rule, but City weathered the storm and came back to pound away and almost produce a goalscoring avalanche.

Low burst clear and hammered over the bar, and Campbell's header from an Echeverria free kick was cleared off the line.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

BRISBANE CITY v MARCONI 2-1

RESHUFFLE COST MARCONI PLENTY

— From Bruce Waddell —



John Coyne

Campbell later won another aerial duel; Maher was left stranded and although Kelso's intelligent chip from well out looked certain to be successful, Prskalo came from nowhere to again save and end up in the back of the net.

With 18 minutes left, City produced the goal which carried them into the final. Wishart threw out to Perry, who ran long and hard to eventually feed Kelso on the right.

Kelso shook off his tackler and crossed, and Low nipped in to hammer past Maher. Two minutes later, Henderson saved yet another off the line after Gaffney had displayed some tremendous close skills on the backline.

City go to Melbourne this week for the match against Heidelberg, knowing a loss will not cost them a thing, as Sydney City and Marconi will be battling it out on the Sunday for the other final berth.

Vic. squad

The Victorian squad for the game against Cosmos to be played at Olympic Park on Sunday is:

Yakka Banovic, Peter Laumets, Steve Short, James Tansey, John Yzendoorn, Steve Kokoska, Alan Davidson, Joe Tront, Jimmy Rooney, Carl Gilder, Joe Picioanne, Tommy Cumming, Jim Williams, John Gardiner, Jammie Paton, Gary Cole. Coach: Len McKendry.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Coyne, Ratcliffe, Wilkinson, Pimblett, Echeverria, Gaffney, Low, Campbell, Kelso. Coach: N. Saffich.

MARCONI: Maher, Russell, Henderson, Prskalo, Brogan.

Lindsay, Degney (Berry 75m), Byrne, Krncevic (Mariani 75m), Jankovics, Sharne. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (38m), 1-1 Jankovics (58m), 2-1 Low (72m). Crowd: 5,100; Referee: Chris Bambridge (Vic.); Cautions: Wilkinson, Lindsay.

HEIDELBERG v SYDNEY CITY 1-3

Stevenson was the mastermind

— From Jock Stephens —

Sydney City gained a firm grip on the game in the first 20 minutes when they scored two snappy goals.

Stevenson played a part in both goals, first with a pile-driver from 30 metres in the 14th minute and then with a flick to Trenter after a Silva corner in the 18th minute.

The 'Slickers' were in full flight, so it was no surprise that Clarke, in the City goal, was idle for 40 minutes until Heidelberg's Campbell made a fine shot skip towards his goal.

Heidelberg's defence was taking lots of pressure and were missing the superb job usually done by Kenny Taylor, who received an injury in the Marconi game.

Little could be achieved by the Heidelberg attack, with Sydney City masterminding the midfield and the attack.

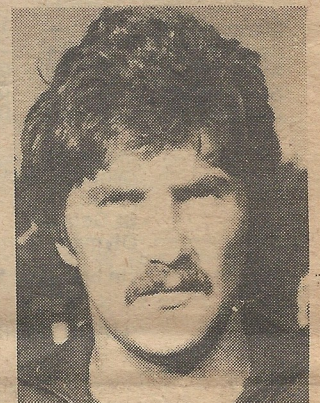
Watson and Silva were having a field day on the wings, with McMillan and Tansey forever having to face up to fresh attacks.

Provan, who has not played regularly in recent weeks, was a bit rusty early but loosened up as the game got going.

The second half proved more interesting with Heidelberg giving a more lively performance and Sydney City's defence being tested several times.

Cole, Buljevic and Paton were doing well and it took all the guile of O'Connor to steer the ball for the corner on two occasions.

Trenter was playing well and reading every move until he fell foul of referee Cam-



John Stevenson

pbell on two counts, which resulted in the 'Slickers' playing the last 15 minutes without him.

However, before he went, he left his mark on the game by testing Banovic, who saved well but had Yzendoorn trip over the ball for an own goal at the 68th minute.

Two minutes later, Cole swung into action on a great pass from Pat Bannon and scored one of his typical goals, by beating four defenders to give Clarke no hope of saving.

Bannon pushed one through for the overlapping Tansey to latch onto, and when his shot came it lifted just before reaching goal with 10 minutes to go.

This was when Trenter received his marching orders, and Rooney gave everything to gain another goal with the ball scraping the bar.

Sydney City were unable to prevent Yzendoorn grazing the post from a well taken free kick in the dying minutes, with Selemides coming on for a very tired Provan, and putting some drive in for Heidelberg in the sunset of a highly satisfactory season for coach Manny Poulakakis.

Best man for Heidelberg would have to be Pat Bannon, as the nearest man to City's Stevenson.

The fast moving Sydney-siders are difficult to hold when in the mood and last Sunday was one of those days.

Referee Don Campbell of Adelaide gave one of his usual flawless exhibitions, and tempered tact with discipline when called upon.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic, McMillan, Yzendoorn, Bannon, Tansey, Campbell, Provan, (Selemidis 70m), Rooney, Cole, Paton, Buljevic. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Kershaw, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce, Stevenson, Watson, Campbell, Trenter, H. Silva. Coach: G. Chaldi.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA); Crowd: 4,000; Cautions: Bannon, Rooney, Trenter (ordered off for second offence).

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INTER STATE BREAK-DOWN

Sydney clubs did well against all interstate opponents in 1979 — except against those from Brisbane: here their record turned strongly negative this year.

This chart shows the interstate break-down of the Philips League.

Interesting facts which emerge:

- Marconi never lost to another Sydney team in 1979, winning 6 and drawing 2;
- Olympic lost all their four home games against other Sydney teams;
- APIA were the only Sydney team to beat all three Melbourne sides at home;
- West Adelaide at home

could manage only one win over the five visiting Sydney teams;

• Brisbane City beat four of the five Sydney teams in Sydney and drew with the fifth for an amazing 9 points out of 10 and even Lions chalked up in Sydney two wins and two draws;

• Heidelberg couldn't score once at home against the two Brisbane teams;

• Melbourne teams in Brisbane won one and lost five of their matches — but at home remained unbeaten, winning four and drawing 2;

• Brisbane Lions lost all four matches against Adelaide sides.

SYDNEY v SYDNEY

	Marconi	Sydney City	APIA	St. George	Olympic
Marconi	—	1-0	2-0	2-1	2-0
Sydney City	0-4	—	2-3	3-1	3-4
APIA	0-0	0-3	—	1-0	0-2
St. George	1-1	0-5	1-2	—	2-0
Olympic	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	—

Marconi: 14pts.(7)
Sydney City: 8pts.(13)
APIA: 9pts.(9)
St. George: 5pts.(4)
Olympic: 4pts.(7)

In brackets: 1978 points

MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE

	Heidelberg	Footscray	South Melbourne
Heidelberg	—	2-1	3-0
Footscray	2-2	—	0-2
South Melbourne	0-1	1-1	—

Heidelberg: 7pts.(5)
Footscray: 2pts.(2)
Sth. Melbourne: 3pts.(5)

In brackets: 1978 points.

SYDNEY v MELBOURNE

	Heidelberg	Footscray	Sth. Melbourne
Marconi	H 0-4	0-0	6-0
Sydney City	A 2-3	5-0	2-1
APIA	H 1-3	3-0	2-0
APIA	A 2-2	0-1	2-1
St. George	H 1-0	3-2	2-1
St. George	A 1-2	1-5	2-1
Olympic	H 2-2	0-2	1-0
Olympic	A 0-1	3-1	0-2
Olympic	H 1-2	2-0	1-1
Olympic	A 1-2	1-0	3-0

Sydney teams: 34pts.(31)
Melbourne teams: 26pts.(29)

SYDNEY v ADELAIDE

	Adelaide City	Westad
Marconi	H 4-4	2-1
Marconi	A 4-2	2-1
Sydney City	H 2-3	3-0
Sydney City	A 1-1	2-0
APIA	H 1-1	0-1
APIA	A 1-0	1-3
St. George	H 0-2	2-0
St. George	A 1-1	1-0
Olympic	H 1-2	2-0
Olympic	A 0-1	0-0

Sydney teams: 23pts.(17)
Adelaide teams: 17pts.(23)

SYDNEY v BRISBANE

	Bris. City	Bris. Lions
Marconi	H 3-3	0-1
Marconi	A 4-3	4-0
Sydney City	H 0-1	1-1
Sydney City	A 1-0	2-1
APIA	H 1-2	2-1
APIA	A 0-2	1-2
St. George	H 0-1	1-1
St. George	A 0-4	3-2
Olympic	H 0-1	0-1
Olympic	A 1-2	0-0

Sydney teams: 16pts.(27)
Brisbane teams: 24pts.(13)

MELBOURNE v ADELAIDE

	Adel. City	Westad
Heidelberg	H 1-0	3-1
Heidelberg	A 0-2	0-1
Footscray	H 0-1	0-2
Footscray	A 2-1	0-5
Sth. Melbourne	H 1-0	3-4
Sth. Melbourne	A 0-3	1-0

Melbourne teams: 10pts.(11)
Adelaide teams: 14pts.(13)

MELBOURNE v BRISBANE

	Bris. City	Bris. Lions
Heidelberg	H 0-0	0-0
Heidelberg	A 1-3	3-1
Footscray	H 2-0	3-1
Footscray	A 1-2	0-1
Sth. Melbourne	H 4-0	3-0
Sth. Melbourne	A 0-1	0-2

Melbourne teams: 12pts.(14)
Brisbane teams: 12pts.(10)

ADELAIDE v BRISBANE

	Bris. City	Bris. Lions
Adelaide City	H 2-4	2-0
Adelaide City	A 1-2	6-0
Westad	H 2-1	1-0
Westad	A 0-2	3-2

Adelaide teams: 10pts.(8)
Brisbane teams: 6pts.(8)

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Penalties:

Byrne (Marconi)..... 5
Palinkas..... 2
Stevenson, Caldwell, Cole, O'Connor (St. George), Carruthers, Rampanti, Kambas Gruicic, Ainslie, Drink-

water, Bell, Hermiston and Baxter — all 1.

Own goals:

Russell (Marconi) 2; Bennett, Jovicic, Pye, Yzendoorn, Dooley (Westad), Tymczyszyn, Moulis and Campbell (Heidelberg) — all 1.

PSL goals

This is the full list. In brackets we indicate the total number of goals by the players — not necessarily for the same club.

MARCONI	
Jankovics.....	18(31)
Krnecic.....	12(12)
Sharne.....	9(22)
Byrne.....	5(12)
Henderson.....	3(8)
Mariani.....	3(15)
Degney.....	2(3)
Lindsay.....	2(3)
Vieri.....	1(13)

HEIDELBERG	
Cole.....	10(30)
Paton.....	10(10)
Buljevic.....	5(20)
Taylor.....	5(12)
Bouzikas.....	2(8)
Yzendoorn.....	2(2)
Campbell.....	1(18)
Tansey.....	1(3)

SYDNEY CITY	
Smith.....	10(29)
Barnes.....	7(23)
Watson.....	6(12)
Stevenson.....	5(15)
Trenter.....	5(9)
Souness.....	4(7)
Silva.....	3(12)
Campbell.....	1(9)
Mullen.....	1(2)
Thomson.....	1(2)

BRISBANE CITY	
Low.....	12(12)
Campbell.....	6(6)
Kelso.....	5(10)
Caldwell.....	4(9)
Echeverria.....	3(7)
Coyne.....	2(7)
Gaffney.....	2(7)
Perry.....	1(3)
Pimblett.....	1(4)

ADELAIDE CITY	
Deans.....	8(28)
J. Nyskohus.....	7(23)
Kent.....	6(6)
Northcote.....	5(16)
Villani.....	5(5)
Marwe.....	3(3)
Muniz.....	2(7)
Perin.....	2(10)
Dods.....	1(1)
Marocchi.....	1(12)

NEWCASTLE	
Boden.....	13(27)
Drinkwater.....	7(10)
Heys.....	6(6)
Curran.....	5(10)
Summerscales.....	3(5)
Cowburn.....	2(2)
Senkalski.....	2(9)
Jones.....	1(1)
McClelland.....	1(1)
Sneddon.....	1(1)

WEST ADELAIDE	
Kosmina.....	6(18)
Norris.....	5(19)
Boyle.....	3(11)
Pillans.....	3(6)
Kambas.....	2(4)

Bachelor.....	1(1)
McCulloch.....	1(3)
Tymczyszyn.....	1(2)

APIA	
Reed.....	7(7)
Butler.....	3(3)
Carruthers.....	2(3)
Drews.....	2(2)
Stone.....	2(5)
Dempsey.....	1(1)
McGinn.....	1(1)
O'Donnell.....	1(2)
Samuels.....	1(2)
Scott.....	1(5)
Wilson.....	1(4)

BRISBANE LIONS	
Brennan.....	9(9)
Hughes.....	4(14)
Fairbrother.....	3(10)
Hermiston.....	2(8)
Spearrit.....	2(5)
Amos.....	1(4)
Millman.....	1(1)
Wallace.....	1(1)
Wilson.....	1(1)

FOOTSCRAY	
Palinkas.....	7(16)
Picioane.....	7(16)
Ollerton.....	4(19)
Ristovski.....	4(18)
Ilioski.....	2(3)
Kondarios.....	2(7)
Lujic.....	2(6)
Rujevic.....	1(7)

ST. GEORGE	
Cotton.....	7(7)
O'Connor.....	5(24)
J.O'Shea.....	3(7)
Hensman.....	2(11)
Katholos.....	2(2)
Morgan.....	2(16)
Gnavi.....	1(4)
Grosse.....	1(3)
Matic.....	1(1)

CANBERRA	
Byrne.....	9(17)
Gruicic.....	3(16)
Moulis.....	3(4)
Davies.....	2(2)
Stark.....	2(4)
McLaren.....	2(2)
Farrell.....	1(1)
Fielding.....	1(1)
Salgado.....	1(1)

OLYMPIC	
Eaton.....	7(28)
Jennings.....	4(4)
Bell.....	2(3)
McIntosh.....	2(10)
K. Wilson.....	2(3)
Ainslie.....	1(11)
Laing.....	1(5)
Scott.....	1(5)

SOUTH MELBOURNE	
Evans.....	7(13)
Lutton.....	4(9)
Christopoulos.....	3(8)
Ristovski.....	3(18)
Baxter.....	2(3)
Campbell.....	2(6)
Davidson.....	2(2)
Cummings.....	2(14)
Norris.....	1(1)
Drakeford.....	1(1)
Kakantonis.....	1(1)
Kalafatis.....	1(3)
Wright.....	1(2)

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THE SEASON IN HALVES

Heidelberg, Brisbane City, Newcastle and St. George were the greatest improvers of the second half of the Philips League.

At the other end, APIA staged a spectacular collapse: they collected only 7 points as against their 18 in the first round.

To make it even more

dramatic — they lost all their six away matches.

Below we publish the PSL tables — first round (first 13 matches) and second round.

One of the striking features is that while the first round games produced 268 goals, in the second round this fell to 221.

Experts can now argue whether this was due to ten-

sion, poor physical preparation of the teams or a decline in standards.

The final order of the teams would have been almost exactly the same without the bonus points.

The main difference would have been in Footscray's case which, without their bonus point, would have finished 13th — and would

have been relegated....

Critics of the bonus point system will gain heart from the facts and figures.

This if the total number of goals and averages per match scored in three years of the PSL:

1977: 498 (2.73)

1978: 532 (2.92)

1979: 489 (2.68)

FIRST HALF

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 MARCONI.....	13	7	3	3	32	18	17	3	20		7	3	2	2	17	14	8		6	4	1	1	15	4	9
2 ADELAIDE CITY.....	13	8	2	3	26	14	18	1	19		6	3	1	2	7	6	7		7	5	1	1	19	8	11
3 SYDNEY CITY.....	13	8	1	4	28	19	17	1	18		7	3	—	4	15	15	6		6	5	1	—	13	4	11
4 APIA.....	13	8	2	3	17	13	18	—	18		6	3	1	2	7	7	7		7	5	1	1	10	6	11
5 HEIDELBERG.....	13	5	4	4	19	14	14	1	15		6	2	3	1	8	6	7		7	3	1	3	11	8	7
6 BRISBANE CITY.....	13	6	2	5	20	17	14	1	15		6	4	—	2	9	3	8		7	2	2	3	11	14	6
7 WEST ADELAIDE.....	13	6	2	5	17	16	14	1	15		7	4	1	2	12	6	9		6	2	1	3	5	10	5
8 NEWCASTLE.....	13	6	2	5	22	17	14	—	14		6	4	—	2	13	6	8		7	2	2	3	9	11	6
9 CANBERRA.....	13	4	4	5	15	16	12	—	12		6	1	2	3	5	9	4		7	3	2	2	10	7	8
10 FOOTSCRAY.....	13	5	1	7	16	25	11	—	11		6	2	—	4	5	8	4		6	2	—	4	7	13	4
11 OLYMPIC.....	13	5	—	8	16	19	10	—	10		7	3	1	3	9	12	7		7	3	—	4	11	11	6
12 BRISBANE LIONS.....	13	5	—	8	16	23	10	—	10		7	2	—	5	10	16	4		6	3	—	3	6	7	6
13 SOUTH MELBOURNE...	13	3	1	9	11	27	7	—	7		7	2	1	4	9	12	5		6	1	—	5	2	15	2
14 ST. GEORGE.....	13	3	—	10	13	30	6	—	6		7	2	—	5	7	15	4		6	1	—	5	6	15	2

SECOND HALF

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 HEIDELBERG.....	13	9	3	1	25	16	21	—	21		7	6	1	—	13	6	13		6	3	2	1	12	10	8
2 MARCONI.....	13	8	3	2	26	14	19	1	20		6	4	2	—	8	2	10		7	4	1	2	18	12	9
3 BRISBANE CITY.....	13	8	3	2	18	13	19	—	19		7	4	2	1	13	8	10		6	4	1	1	5	5	9
4 NEWCASTLE.....	13	5	7	1	21	13	17	1	18		7	3	4	—	11	6	10		6	2	3	1	10	7	7
5 SYDNEY CITY.....	13	7	2	4	20	11	16	—	16		6	3	1	2	10	7	7		7	4	1	2	10	4	9
6 ADELAIDE CITY.....	13	5	4	3	17	13	14	—	14		7	3	2	2	11	8	8		6	2	2	2	6	5	6
7 ST. GEORGE.....	13	4	6	3	14	13	14	—	14		6	1	4	1	6	6	6		7	3	2	2	8	7	8
8 BRISBANE LIONS.....	13	3	6	4	12	17	12	—	12		6	3	1	2	8	8	7		7	—	5	2	4	9	5
9 WEST ADELAIDE.....	13	4	2	7	11	15	10	—	10		6	2	1	3	5	5	5		7	2	1	4	6	10	5
10 SOUTH MELBOURNE...	13	3	2	8	15	18	8	1	9		6	2	1	3	10	6	5		7	1	1	5	5	12	3
11 OLYMPIC.....	13	2	5	6	7	11	9	—	9		7	—	3	4	3	7	3		6	2	2	2	4	4	6
12 FOOTSCRAY.....	13	3	2	8	13	18	8	1	9		6	2	—	4	8	8	4		7	1	2	4	5	10	4
13 CANBERRA.....	13	2	4	7	10	25	8	—	8		7	1	2	3	7	15	4		6	1	2	3	3	10	4
14 APIA.....	13	3	1	9	12	24	7	—	7		7	3	1	3	8	9	7		6	—	—	6	4	15	0

Those who sought fame and fortune

Brisbane reader John Witcombe delved back into history, and looked through to modern times, to present this list of some Australian successes in overseas football, together with players who went away for experience.

1890s — James J. Jackson of Hamilton NSW went to (Woolwich) Arsenal, Newcastle United, Glasgow Rangers, Aberdeen or Renton and Port Glasgow.

1945-65. Cliff Almond (Cessnock and North Shore) went to Stirling Albion, where he made 25 senior appearances.

Joe Marston (Leichhardt-Annandale, APIA) played for four years with Preston North End, where he made 145 First Division appearances.

Bob Lawrie (father of Brisbane player Ian Lawrie and a player with Brisbane Bundamba Rovers and Leichhardt-Annandale) played with Portsmouth.

1960s. John Roberts (Cessnock), later with APIA, went to Chelsea but did not reach the first team. He played for Blackburn Rovers in Second Division, also Chesterfield, Bradford City and Northampton.

1978. Craig Johnston (Lake Macquarie, Newcastle KB) to Middlesbrough. His father, Bruno Johnston, was a prominent player with West Wallsend and Auburn.

1978-79. John Kosmina (West Adelaide). Seven senior games with Arsenal, before returning to Australia in April 1979.

Others with overseas experience are:

Ernie Campbell (now Sydney City), with Chelsea.

Max Tolson (ex South Coast), Workington.

Peter Stone (APIA) some

few months gaining ex-

perience with Tottenham.

Alan Fisher (Blacktown City), also with Tottenham.

Mark Samuels (APIA), also

Tottenham.

Ray Baartz (Adamstown

and Hakoah), with Man-

chester United.

Col Curran (Adamstown,

Marconi, Western Suburbs,

Newcastle KB), with Man-

chester United.

Barry Campbell (Western

Suburbs), Liverpool.

Neil Taylor (Blacktown

City), Manchester United.

Greg Ankudinoff (Western

Suburbs and Blacktown City),

Leeds.

Murray Barnes and Greg

Lynch (Sydney City), Leeds.

Brisbane Crowds about to vanish

Crowds at Philips League matches this season have dropped by about 35,000 or by a match average of less than 200.

These figures are based on announced crowd attendances by clubs.

Figures don't lie — but some club officials do....

It's almost impossible to get correct match figures at the majority of matches; in Sydney for example, at least two clubs are notorious for "rounding off" figures.

Taking these figures on their face value, Newcastle have shown the healthiest rise; their attendance amoun-

ted to 17.5 percent of the total for only 7 percent of the matches.

Some clubs have slipped marginally, others alarmingly. It seems that Brisbane is sliding dangerously: in 1977 their combined attendance was over 120,000, this year it was 58,000 — less than half.

Olympic, once the real crowd-pulling magnets, have been going downhill over the last three years.

*In APIA's case we decided not to show Western Suburbs figures for 1977 and 1978 as the composition and nature of the support was quite different.

	1979	1978	1977
MARCONI	68,077	76,105	42,952
HEIDELBERG	55,439	61,800	65,000
SYDNEY CITY	28,208	24,131	26,338
BRISBANE CITY	39,640	46,350	70,152
ADELAIDE CITY	75,073	72,564	99,732
NEWCASTLE	132,994	109,675	—
WEST ADELAIDE	61,793	83,261	71,779
APIA *	53,780	—	—
BRISBANE LIONS	18,860	38,440	50,200
FOOTSCRAY	28,385	33,800	38,700
ST. GEORGE	33,150	27,830	25,150
CANBERRA	55,695	67,800	23,150
OLYMPIC	38,693	45,259	48,482
SOUTH MELBOURNE	67,616	85,020	57,700

TOP-FOUR TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 BRISBANE CITY	2	2	—	—	4	1	4
2-3 MARCONI	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
2-3 SYDNEY CITY	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
4 HEIDELBERG	2	—	—	2	2	5	0

TOP-FOUR SCOREBOARD

	MARCONI	SYD. CITY	BRIS. CITY	H. BERG
MARCONI	—	2-1	—	1-2
HEIDELBERG	1-2	—	1-3	—
SYDNEY CITY	3-1	—	—	0-2
BRISBANE CITY	2-1	—	—	—

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Adelaide City have found their soul

— By Allan Crisp

Adelaide City will look back fondly on 1979 as the year the famous South Australian club came of age on the national scene.

Adelaide City's crowning achievement was their Phillips Cup triumph, but there were other reasons for celebration as they improved their PSL ranking from a dismal tenth in 1978 to fifth this year.

The Phillips Cup success ended a frustrating run for City manager-coach Rale Rasic who narrowly missed two league titles when he was with Marconi.

Rasic and City's affable president, Charlie Caruso, will doubtless be smiling throughout the long off-season.

Their success, wrought from diligent back room and front line activities, has been well deserved.

Season 1979 was, however, not without its frustrations as City failed by a whisker to qualify for the top four play-off series.

But that magnificent cup final effort, which is still being discussed in Adelaide as new superlatives are discovered, atoned for previous failures.

Rasic's motivational qualities were in magical evidence on that red letter day which crowned a year of unflinching dedication and sheer hard work from the former national team coach.

Charlie Caruso and his enterprising committee knew of Rasic's reputation when they hired him, but even they must have been amazed by his managerial, promotional and coaching expertise.

Rasic was on call to his players for virtually 24 hours a day from the pre-season period when he even conducted dawn training sessions for players who needed extra fitness work.

Professionalism became the key word at Adelaide City as Rasic adorned the walls of the resplendent Kensington clubrooms with photos of their past and present champions.

A life-size statue of City's favorite son, Johnny Perin was also ensconced high above the bandstand in the dining room - a prelude to his appointment as captain.

City bolstered their playing staff by acquiring Bobby Russell from Sydney Croatia, Chris Kent from South Melbourne and Glenn Dods from the New Zealand club, Mount Wellington.

The former Kiwi internationals, Russell and Kent both played significant roles during City's campaign.

Russell suffered a shoulder injury in a fourth round game, but when he re-established himself the dashing full-back - cum central defender was outstanding.

Injuries to Jimbo Muir and Dixie Deans provided other untimely set-backs in City's belated bid for a top four berth.

Bugsy Nyskohus — Mr. Reliable — had a magnificent season along with brother Johnny and Peter Marshall whose goalkeeping potential was recognised when he was selected to play for South Australia against AEK Athens.

The season was notable also for the emergence of budding Socceroo Charlie Villani, the consistency, despite injury of Brian Northcote and the long awaited return of Gary Marocchi.

For 1980, Rasic seems certain to shun Sydney offers and stay with City; Deans may go to APIA and Northcote will enter hospital for an operation on his troublesome ankle.

All in all, 1979 was a satisfying year which could have been stupendous, but for a harrowing mid-season



Johnny Nyskohus holding the Phillips Cup aloft in the approved fashion of experienced captains. Picture by courtesy of "The Advertiser" Adelaide. Photographer - Barry O'Brien.

slump.

City would dearly have liked to flex their muscles in the Top Four series, but the impressive sight of the

gleaming Phillips Cup in the showcase and the knowledge that they reigned supreme in that 32-team competition serves as solid compensation.

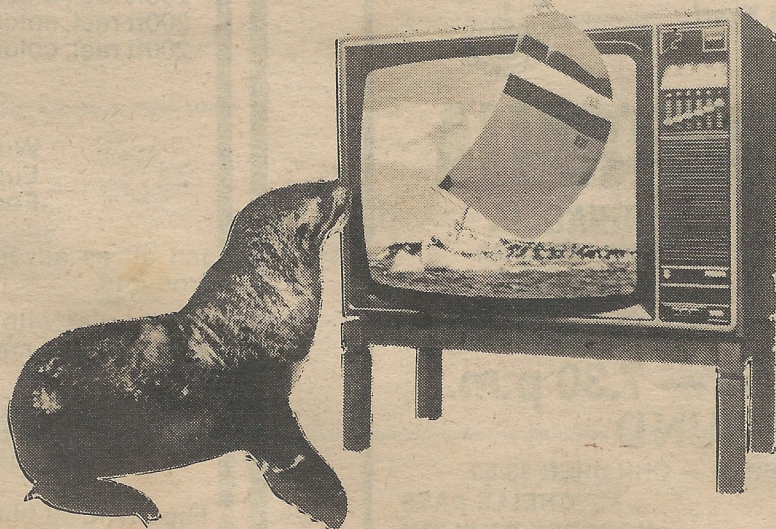
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SUPERB PROMOTION KEY TO NEWCASTLE BOOM

— By Myles Hay —

Success - just how is it measured?

In the soccer world, success undoubtedly revolves around results on the playing field, yet Newcastle KB United have proved an anomaly in the "success-by-results" syndrome.

Although 1979 had a greater share of winning results, the season has ended with only the Prime Minister's Cup in the United display cabinet.

Sixth placing in the Philips Soccer League series, a beaten semi-finalist in the Philips Soccer Cup and a heavy defeat by England's Norwich City would scarcely provide sufficient reason for the electronic media viewers to arouse themselves from their comfortable lounge chairs.

But there is something of a Rip Van Winkle nature about the awakening of football followers in this great industrial city.

Newcastle has proved the envy of every PSL club with the turnstiles ringing merrily at each home game throughout the past season.

In 1978 the average "gate" was over 8,000, this season the figure has leapt to over 10,000.

It is indeed quite remarkable when Newcastle United officials can point to a crowd of 7,091 against South Melbourne as being their smallest PSL gate of the season.

That was the most meagre crowd and what about that staggering figure of 18,367 who gave the International Sports Centre a festival time appearance against Sydney Olympic on May 19.

Players from opposing teams rave about the big match atmosphere, whether or not the roar is derisive or appreciative, they are made to feel more professional and are therefore often inspired to improved performances.

Soccer needs crowds and therefore Newcastle's is the most successful success story in the PSL.

Despite the deep seated loyalty held for their local side the 1980 season will prove the most vital in Newcastle United's short history.

Because there is a degree of fickleness in all human beings, coach Alan Vest will be expected to provide a materialistic championship combination.

That unfortunate aspect made itself apparent in the recent match against Footscray when ace striker Ken Boden was actually booed by some sections of the crowd when he led Newcastle onto the field.

In their confused partisan minds, Boden had shown disloyalty in stressing a

desire to leave Newcastle United.

Despite the many memorable displays of skill and courage he had given over the past two years, Boden's actions were not appreciated by that admittedly small sector of supporters.

The transfer of Boden to Sydney City for \$20,000 plus the exchange of promising young striker Mark Trenter will help boost the Newcastle coffers, though it may well be asked why do United "cry poor" when over 170,000 spectators have found their way into the Sports Centre this year.

The lack of any financial assistance from a licensed club forces United to exist on gate takings, sponsorship and its virile Supporters Club.

In addition, no club in Australia has put so much effort into the promotion of the code at the rate of almost \$1,000 worth of advertising for each home game.

The split-second timing of a typical "home match" programme is carried out with all the precision of a military manoeuvre at Newcastle.

This is in contrast to some sloppy organising which has been the norm rather than the exception of so many soccer pre-match and "match-day" scheduling at other Australian grounds and at all levels.

The theory of the Newcastle KB United officials is to entice spectators along to the ground to watch

the preliminary entertainment and trust that they will like what they see when the PSL match gets under way and they will return.

The atmosphere at the Sports Centre is undoubtedly the closest to compare with the vociferous support of Glasgow Rangers, Liverpool, Real Madrid or Milan.

To build up this magnificent support with what is after all just a workmanlike combination, a minor miracle has been performed.

Coach Alan Vest has instilled a remarkable degree of determination into his players, while the promotions panel backed by the tireless work of secretary Paul Trisley have been instrumental in the success of the venture.

What is to happen in 1980 - will the success bubble burst or will it continue to inflate in breathtaking fashion?

The Newcastle International Sports Centre Trust have no doubts.

Arrangements are already under way to make the ground a more intimate rectangular pitch in order to bring spectators closer to the action all round.

Coach Vest will fly out from Australia to make contact with some experienced players in the United Kingdom in order to strengthen some positions.

Already the cry around the city is for a short, short summer so that United can again swing into action - there is no doubt that the Rip Van Winkle slumber of the soccer-made Novocastrians is over!



Newcastle's Ken Boden — next year with Sydney City.

NSW DIV. 2 REVIEWED

— By Val Hokin —

The top five places went to clubs promoted from the '78 3rd division with 6th, 7th and 8th positions being filled by '78 2nd division clubs.

Premiers Bathurst '75 were amongst the top four for most of the season losing only one match in the second round. Captain coach, Joe Judge was a dominating and steady influence on the team. The distance encountered by all clubs, specially Bathurst, took its toll as the results show. Bathurst were undefeated at home with three losses away.

In the final match against Gladesville-Ravens, Bathurst showed their superiority with a display of open football to take out the championship as well as the premiership and promotion to First Division in '80.

Runners-up, Gladesville-Ravens lead the field for most of the season with a squad of young players of an average age of 20 years and playing like a winning team every match. Lack of experience saw the pressure show in the club's last six matches when at one stage they gained only one point out of four against two lower placed clubs, virtually costing them the first grade premiership.

Consequently, the only improvements for next year will be several experienced players. Another factor was that their experienced captain coach was injured and missed three of the last six crucial matches.

Baulkham Hills showed up as the fittest side during the first round with several crucial losses and draws in the latter half of the season leaving them in fourth position. Defense and goal keeping were their strong points having the second least goals against (20) and most of those coming in the second round. It is anticipated that with a club behind them they should fulfil their potential.

Marrickville proved a much improved team this year with the influx of many new players. With the highest number of draws (9) in the division, had they secured the extra point from some of these matches, the division would have had a different finish. The absence of two key players from mid-way through the season did not help matters. The club is now looking forward to next season with confidence.

Guildford County with a serious bout of early season injuries had a disastrous start and at one stage were on the bottom. A change of coach and renewed enthusiasm saw County get themselves to the middle of the table only losing two matches in the second round and defeating the then leaders of the division, Gladesville-Ravens. Guildford finished the year on a high note and with the nucleus of this team being retained for next year and with the expected arrival of new players they should have a successful season in 1980.

The depth that Guildford had in their ranks showed up in the second grade results - runners-up and final winners.

Gladesville-Hornsby coach, Phil Wilcox feels his club had a successful season all round with basically three very young teams. The results showed the lack of experience and so the only additions anticipated for the '80 season will be two or three experienced players. The depth of the club in youth and ability is one of the best in the second division. With six under-14 and seven under-15 players in State representation Gladesville-Hornsby has unlimited resources for future years. This, as well as a tremendous spirit amongst present players, gives the club confidence for a successful 1980 season.

Dee Why had a quiet year with a constant number of injuries putting the full first grade on the park only in five matches. With some good youngsters coming through and expecting to retain the basis of this year's first grade, including Jim McGill and Mark Dower, this will give the club a good nucleus for the '80 season. Off the field the club has had an excellent year socially and is seriously looking into acquiring a licensed club.

Lane Cove has been another club with a quiet season for their first year in second division, achieving basically what they set out to do — consolidating their position and to giving the youth as much experience as possible with sights set on '80 and '81. Club official Vince Stevens said the club itself gained much experience from the first year in second division. With the youth coming through the ranks next year's coach will need to have the ability to handle young players.

Yagoona looks back on what can only be described as a mediocre year. On the plus side they were successful in obtaining a good sponsorship from a local Wine Bistro the 'Great Gatsby'. On the fund-raising side, the club fell somewhat behind on previous year's efforts although expenses for '79 were much higher than '78. They were again frustrated at the lack of non-players for committee positions. Whilst the committee has been capably served by players in the past, the extra strain of running the club must detract from performances on the field.

On the football side, the first grade was disappointed at not making the top four. No excuses are offered although if not for dropping silly points the team should have finished in the four.

Port Hacking president Lye feels that, as expected, the competition was stronger this year and their young inexperienced players found the going a little tough. Nevertheless they gave a good performance as many of the results belied their ability. With several players lacking the necessary dedication it made it rather difficult for the rest of the team.

The high point of the season for Port Hacking was the performance of their young third graders. Chasing Gladesville-Hornsby all season they were unfortunate to go down to them in the finals.

West Ryde Rovers had a most frustrating year. The main problem was lack of an experienced coach during the pre-season. Present coach, Richard Parle took over one week before the season with a number of basically inexperienced and unprepared players. Under the circumstances the team improved as the season progressed though not enough to avoid 12th position. The club will need to look to a better liaison with their junior sides in preparation for the '80 season.

All second division clubs have found that fielding an under 18 third grade team in conjunction with the first and second grade teams has been invaluable to the building of the first grade.

For nine clubs new to the division the fielding of the third grade team was a difficult task and several were not in favour.

All clubs now have found that the value in giving the youth a bond with the seniors by playing the 11.40 am match has been a vital factor in retaining the under-18s' interest and a close liaison with first grade.

Should third grade be required to play their matches on an alternative day and ground this vital bond could be broken.

Most of the young players seem to lose their dedication and interest at this age and after up to 12 years of junior soccer they are prime targets for other sports and interests.

Progress means changes but more thought should go into where the changes should be made.

MONARO MAKE NSW HISTORY

Inter Monaro, the club unheard of in Sydney two years ago, won the Grand Final in a confident manner and in doing so left an indelible mark on the game in New South Wales.

They, more than any of the other three teams in the series, played modern football, recapturing the aggression and tenacity of Sutherland '78 as well as adding the skill and creativity of Croatia '77-'78.

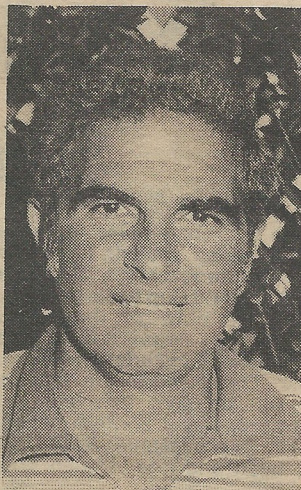
Led by a twin strike force which has terrorized defenses all year, Monaro tore the normally safe Sutherland defence to pieces and should have added two or three more to their tally.

The 'Boys from the Bush' looked and played as a modern football unit.

They easily absorbed Sutherland's pressure, with at times nine men behind the ball, then launched into fast, accurate, intelligent attacks.

At the centre of every move was Sebastian Giampaolo, receiving long passes out of defence and swiftly launching his team into attack.

At times the ball seemed taped to his foot as he picked his way past three and four defenders to feed Valeri, Trajanoski and Morsello with



Monaro coach Frank Maccarone.

fine passes.

Admittedly Giampaolo's shooting on the day was poor or he would have had a brace of goals himself.

But his immense value to the team was that he did draw three or four Sutherland players to him.

The defence always looked for him, leaving the other striker poorly covered.

In the 69th minute that

proved very costly for Sutherland, Morsello, unmarked 12 metres from goal, rose to send Valeri's cross flashing into the net with a copy book header.

The game started cautiously, with Sutherland looking more adventurous.

But it soon became apparent that for all their adventure they were sterile in attack.

No matter what the critics say, Beggs is not a creative striker — he is an excellent poacher, as he later proved.

When he dropped back in search of the ball he was insignificant in Sutherland's probings.

In fact, because he was playing so deep he was hardly in the game at all.

Monaro, by contrast, varied their attacks, but always kept them crisp and fast.

Valeri and Giampaolo have an uncanny understanding and always seem to find each other even between a dozen legs.

Giampaolo's control put the normally steady Sharks defence on the ropes at times, and even crude attempts at sweeping him off the ball were side stepped with consummate ease.

The breakthrough came nine minutes before halftime. A short back pass forced Dal Forno to chase and make sure that Craggs would get the ball.

But he didn't count on the persistence of Valeri who darted for the ball, panicking the centre back into a misdirected pass which rolled agonizingly past the horrified Craggs for the opening goal.

Monaro then exploded into 10 minutes of furious activity in front of the Sutherland box, forcing corners and stretching the Sharks defence.

After the break Monaro adopted their more usual hit-and-run approach, and again drew blood when after 69 minutes Morsello made sure of the trophy — but just.

A tremendous goof by Palec after 73 minutes let Sutherland back into the match for a while when he dropped a speculative Stoddart shot from 25 metres allowing Beggs to snap up his

only chance of the day.

Sutherland surged forward, but they couldn't breach an excellent Monaro defence, ably led by Noble and O'Neill.

Sutherland overall disappointed.

They lacked the bite they had last year in the Grand Final.

Their attack was unoriginal and allowed Monaro to mark them out of the game.

Monaro on the other hand, fully deserved their victory.

Having made 13 Sydney trips during the season, then three in the final series, they amply answered the critics who claimed they couldn't travel.

The whole team played well, and could not have been led better than by Alan Bourke who drove his players on with words and example, tackling his heart out for 90 minutes against his old club.

Congratulations and praise too must go to Monaro's coach, Frank Maccarone, the little gentleman of soccer who has created a fine team of young talent.

The question Monaro's victory raises and which we must ask ourselves now is how many more Inter Monaros, how many Giampaolos, Valeris and Trajanoskis are there in country towns throughout New South Wales, or Australia for that matter?

And will these teams and players ever get the chance to show us their wares and entertain us as Monaro have done in their two short years at the top?

MONARO: Palec, Crawford, O'Neill, Noble, Santolin, Falzon, Morsello (Fay 85m), Bourke, Giampaolo, Valeri, Trajanoski (Heywood 66m).

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Hesford, Wykes, Smith (Stoddart 46m), Dal Forno, Schumann, Hall, Meades (Watkins 73m), Beggs, Basterfield, Harrington.

Referee: D. Rennie; Crowd: 4907.

— S.P.D.

NSW FIRST

— Charles Spiteri —

North Sydney and Wollongong United will have to replay some time this week to decide which team will play in the NSW Pepsi State League next season.

Last Saturday, at Francis Park, the teams played 120 minutes of hard slugging, tension-filled football in front of a crowd of about 1000 but failed to decide the issue.

Wollongong United brought four fully packed buses of noisy supporters but even their cheers could not lift their team to beat their more polished opponents.

Playing a tight attacking game, Norths, who won the First Division final last week, had enough possession to win this game before it went into extra time.

Skipper Ian Miller, right back John Walker and left back Henratty formed a solid backline which Wollongong could never penetrate even when playing with a strong breeze behind them in the first half.

Yet, Norths who were mainly building their attacks on the flanks, hesitated for yet another pass instead of exploiting the wind and shooting when close.

It was Wollongong who missed a golden chance to break the deadlock in the 18th minute when Vasko Dalkovski raced through the defence but he panicked and shot wide from a very good scoring position.

Alec Bottalico, then forced Peter Terziowski to make the first of his many brilliant saves when he just managed to stop a header aimed high for the right hand corner.

Again, Wollongong missed another sitter when replacement Lazarevic squeezed through the defence with a superb pass from David Jirsa but his lob over the advancing goalkeeper was misjudged and sailed over the bar.

David Jirsa and Harry Sattin were no doubt Wollongong's best players and whenever they were in possession, the Norths defence had to work hard to keep them in check.

Just one minute before the final whistle, Wollongong capitalised on a North's defensive error and Jirsa's placement towards goal was cleared off the line by Miller.

Norths went for the kill in the first period of extra time and in the 5th minute Peter Terziowski made two great saves from a shot by Jim O'Rourke and a header from Jim Bottalico.

Three minutes later, skipper Ian Miller came forward on the left flank and sent a sizzling pass down the goalmouth but Frank Leyden failed to connect right in front.

Then against the run of play, Henry Sattin picked up a ball in midfield and sent a through pass ahead of David Jirsa who skillfully eluded the defence including the keeper to score wide in the right hand corner.

This goal stirred up the Wollongong supporters who, sensing a win, really went wild cheering their side into more action.

However, the cheers didn't last long as in the first minute of the second extra period Leyden broke through and was brought down in the penalty area with referee Peter Rampley awarding a spot kick.

Leyden took the kick and crashed it into the roof of the right hand corner to level the score.

Then with only two minutes to go Peter Terziowski made a fantastic save from Frank Leyden to earn a replay for Wollongong.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli, Walker, J. Bottalico, Miller, Matheson (Fraser 110m), Henratty, O'Rourke, Mitchell, Leyden, A. Bottalico, Falchi (Martinuzzi 58m).

WOLLONGONG: P. Terziowski, Montecchi, Trajevski, M. Terziowski, Campbell, Petkovski, Dalkovski, Rojas, (Lazarevic 46m), (Vasquez 105m), Vutichovski, Sattin, Jirsa.

YOUNG SAINTS

St. George's third grade team scored a record 103 goals to win the 1979 premiership.

They won 21 of their 28 games, drawing another three.

Top scorers were Robert Campanella and Jim Kotevski, with 18 each; Craig Stack scored two hat-tricks while Campanella, Kotevski and Simon Croot had one each.

Eleven of the boys will still be eligible for third grade next season, much to the pleasure of coach Steve Feher and manager Syd Paterson.

GOAL IN 10 SECONDS

Marconi's grand final winning under-19 team will play the Australian Schoolboys in the early game on Sunday before the Sydney City v Marconi PSL Top Four game at Marconi Stadium.

The same Schoolboys team will then play the NSW under-18 side before the Cosmos match next week Wednesday.

Ron Corry, former Australian goalie and in charge of the Marconi youngsters, tells us about the quickest goal he's ever seen.

It was in the Grand Final against St. George. After kick-off, a long lob was put through and Marconi's Peter Cassucelli, racing on, volleyed it home without an opponent touching the ball.

The elapsed time: an estimated 10 seconds.



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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• Former England manager Sir Alf Ramsay has been invited to Greece to advise on the establishment of new coaching patterns and youth development schemes.

• Raimundo Saporta, president of the Spanish World Cup committee, has resigned because of "political interference" by various Government departments. His successor is likely to be Anselmo Lopez.

• Colin Todd, former England captain, has moved again: for \$600,000 Everton sold him to second division Birmingham.

• Trevor Brooking 30, has decided to end his career with West Ham: he has signed a new four-year contract with them.

• In Vigo, Spain, the Spanish national side had to be content with a 1-1 against Portugal; Dani (Spain) and Nene scored the goals.

• Paraguay played a 2-2 draw with Uruguay in Montevideo and with this joined Brazil, Chile and Peru in the semifinals of the South American championship.

• Considering the wages and salaries, Spain is the dearest place in Europe for soccer fans. There an average standing room ticket to a first division match is 10 times the value of 1 kilogram of bread and three times higher than a cinema ticket. In West Germany a worker can buy a soccer ticket for only three and a half times the price of a kilogram of bread.

• Just Fontaine, former all-time great, has been sacked by the French club Toulouse.

• Czechoslovakia is certainly running hot under Joe Venglos: in the last two weeks they beat Ireland and then Sweden both 4-1.

• New Zealand lost 0-2 to Northern Ireland in a friendly international in Belfast — a most respectable result by the Kiwis.

• Controversial coach Gyula Lorant, now with Schalke, is again in trouble: he has refused to sign an 'amended' contract. Said the club treasurer: "I doubt if Lorant will see the first snow in Gelsenkirchen this year."

• In Vienna, Austria beat Hungary 3-1 in a friendly international, watched by 50,000 fans.

• According to the president of Osnabrueck, the 40 West German second division clubs lose about \$5 million a year among them.

• Since the start of pro soccer in Argentina, River Plate have won the title 15 times while Boca Juniors 11 times.

• Former Argentine World Cup star Nestor Rossi has been engaged as coach by Paraguay's Cerro Porteno.

• Former Hungarian "B" international Attila Ladinszky has been transferred by his Belgian club to the French Valenciennes.

• Elias Figueroa, Chile's best defender and three times South America's player of the year, had to retire following a serious injury suffered in training.

• The Hungarian Association has decided to allow players 30 years or older with at least 25 caps to finish their careers abroad.

• Argentinian Oscar Fabbiani of Tampa Bay was the highest scorer in the NASL with 25 goals and 8 "assists" for a total of 58 "points" ahead of the Cosmos star Giorgio Chinaglia, with 26 goals and 5 "assists". "Assist" in North American soccer is the final pass before a goal is scored.

• Chile's most successful club, Colo Colo is almost bankrupt: they have debts totalling \$6 million.

• Eleven of the 15 Colombian professional clubs have foreign coaches: nine from Argentina, one from Paraguay and Chile while the national team is under Yugoslav Blagoje Vidinic.

• Colombia's Nacional have just signed two of Peru's World Cup stars, Cueto and La Rosa; their neighbours Medellin have two other Peruvians, Sotil and Velasquez.

• Milan's famed San Siro stadium has been renamed Meazza Stadium in honor of Italy's great star of the 1930 who died recently.

• Atletico Madrid is looking for a suitable replacement for their Argentinian striker Ayala and have Zico (Brazil), Hansi Mueller, Klaus Allof or Rummenigge (all West Germany) in mind.

• While Koln's coach Weisweiler regards him as a very ordinary player, Helenio Herrera rates Real Madrid's colored English star Laurie Cunningham as "more skilled" than Gento and just as fast.

• The Greek club Panathinaikos is hopeful of signing the Danish Jesper Olsen, 18. The player has been offered a \$160,000 for a year plus a car and rent-free cottage.

• Peer Posipal, 17, son of 1954 West German world champion defender Jupp, is now in the reserve team of Hamburg.

• Bruno Pezzey, Frankfurt's brilliant Austrian star, has been suspended until December 15 and fined \$200 for hitting an opponent.

WORLD NEWS

England, Hungary in same Cup group

The six seeded European countries shouldn't have too much problem in qualifying for the World Cup finals in 1982.

The draw of the various groups was made last weekend in Zurich by FIFA.

The 24 berths in the final will be split this way: 14 European, 4 South American, 2 Asian/Oceania, one Caribbean and one African country.

The holders, Argentina and the hosts, Spain, qualify automatically.

This is the draw:

EUROPE:

Group 1 WEST GERMANY
AUSTRIA
BULGARIA
FINLAND
ALBANIA

Group 2 HOLLAND
FRANCE
BELGIUM
REP. IRELAND
CYPRUS

Group 3 CZECHOSLOVAKIA
USSR
WALES
TURKEY
ICELAND

Group 4 ENGLAND
HUNGARY
SWITZERLAND
ROMANIA
NORWAY

Group 5 ITALY
YUGOSLAVIA
GREECE
DENMARK
LUXEMBURG

Group 6 SCOTLAND
SWEDEN
PORTUGAL
NTH. IRELAND

From Groups 1-6: First two teams qualify for Spain.

Group 7 POLAND
EAST GERMANY
MALTA

From Group 7 only one team qualifies.

SOUTH AMERICA:

Group 1 BRAZIL
BOLIVIA
VENEZUELA

Group 2 COLOMBIA
PERU
URUGUAY

Group 3 CHILE
ECUADOR
PARAGUAY

From the South American groups, one team qualifies.

CENTRAL AMERICA:

Group 1 USA
CANADA
MEXICO

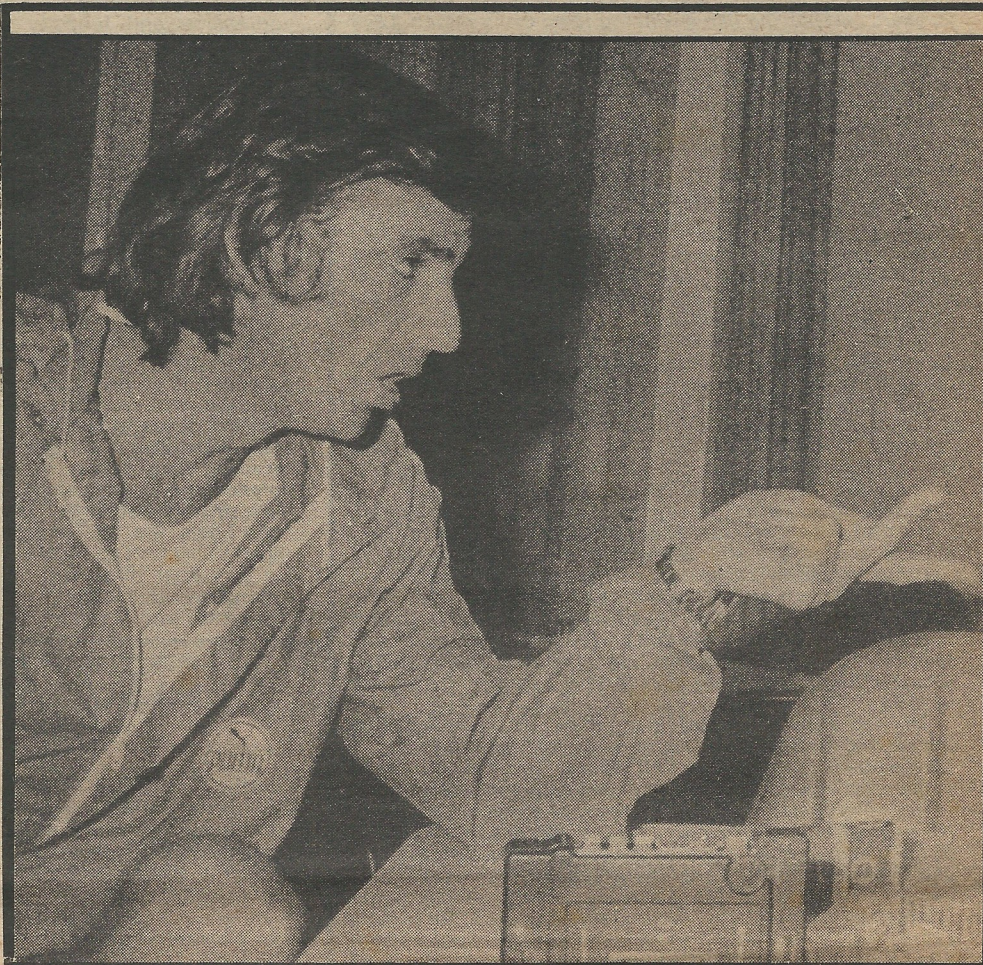
Group 2 PANAMA
COSTA RICA
EL SALVADOR
GUATEMALA
HONDURAS

CARIBBEAN:

Group 1 CUBA
SURINAM
AND WINNER OF
GRANADA-GUYANA

Group 2 HAITI
TRINIDAD
DUTCH ANTILLES

Ultimate winner of these two groups qualifies.



Argentina coach Menotti

ARGENTINA BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

Luis Cesar Menotti, manager of Argentina, is much envied but few realise his problems.

These are excerpts from a long interview in SHOOT magazine which reveal some of Menotti's headaches:

The fundamental thing in a national team is to create a real family, and that's why I like to observe my players in a wide variety of situations both on and off the field.

If we're really to defend our ideas about football, we've got to secure our future by keeping the young players in the country.

That's why we're doing so much work with young players at the moment, and my plan is to produce a squad of about 40 players at the beginning of next year and to work towards 1982 with these 40.

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can continue to gain top-level experience. This is what we've got

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